Airlines	Sector	Frequency (flights/week)
TRIPURA		
Agartala		
Indian Airlines	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	9
Alliance Air	Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	3
	Guwahati-Agartala-Guwahati	3

Investigation in helicopter crash

2086. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the official team investigating the helicopter crash in which former speaker GMC Balayogi was killed, has discovered that the crash was due to the error of pilot; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to ensure proper training of pilots and proper upkeep of helicopters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The Committee of Inquiry investigating the helicopter crash has not yet submitted its report.

(b) Does not arise.

Training of Senior Superintendents (ATC)

2087. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Senior Superintendents (ATC) initially nominated for ADC/Approach Control Course number 11 at CATC, Allahabad and those nominated subsequently *vide* AAI letter dated 2nd July, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that Senior Superintendents subsequently nominated for the said course belong to 1998 batch but sent for the course earlier than those belonging to 1996 and 1997 batches; and

(c) if so, what were the circumstances recessitating nomination of Junior Superintendents (ATC) for training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPADYESSO NAIK): (a) 12 Senior Superintendents (Air Traffic Control) were initially nominated for training in ADC/Approach Control Course and one was nominated subsequently on 2.7.2002.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. On the job training is imparted for enhancing the performance/output of the officials and seniority is not the only criteria for nominating officials for such training. Merely completion of the course will not bestow any right upon the junior official for any out of turn promotion in violation of the seniority norms and laid down rules.

Air facilities to Sikkim

2088. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the air link facilities extended to the States of North East including Sikkim;

(b) the aircraft handling capacities of the airports;

(c) the airports where night landing facilities has been extended; and

(d) the airport expansion/development programmes being taken up or to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPADYESSO NAIK): (a) At present Indian Airlines and Private Airlines operates air services to 9 destinations (namely Agartala, Aizwal, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Imphal, Jorhat, Silchar and Tezpur) in the North East region.

(b) The aircraft handling capacities of the airports are as under:—

Airports	Aircraft Handling Capacity
Guwahati	AB-300
Lilabari	AB-320
Dibrugarh	B-737
Silchar	B-737
Tezpur	B-737